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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Applications for Assignment and Transfer of Control
of Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Cable Inc.

MB Docket No. 14-57

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Janet Cruz, and I am the State Representative for the 62nd District of Florida spanning a large part of Tampa. I am writing to express to the Federal Communications Commission my concerns in connection with the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable that the FCC is currently considering. I do not believe that the merger will benefit my constituents and, therefore, I oppose the merger and urge the FCC to do so as well.

As a public official, it is my duty to determine what actions best serve the community and what do not. Cable television service is a public service that we know much about from our own use of it and from the comments of our constituents. In considering this merger, the FCC has an obligation to determine that the resulting entity will better serve the public. I can't imagine that such a dominant institution as will be created will have the economic motivation to put customers first.

Among particular concerns I have is the type of programming that will be provided to our community were the merger to be approved. Given the power Comcast-TWC will hold as a programming gatekeeper, I am concerned that they will have every incentive to limit the type and amount of programming that is offered. Consequently, I urge the FCC to deny the proposed merger and require Comcast and TWC to remain competitors.

Sincerely,

Janet Cruz
State Representative - 62nd District of Florida

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